

Jobs for Montana's Graduates

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Students attending the conference were busy discussing their respective roles in the MCA at the Fall Leadership Conference.

Fall Leadership Conference

Annual Conference Successful Once Again!

The thirteenth annual 2006 Fall Leadership Conference was held at the Red Lion Colonial Hotel with over 260 students, Job Specialists and guests in attendance.

Rhett Laubach, a motivational and leadership speaker from Oklahoma, presented the students with an excellent message about goal-setting and the self-empowerment to be successful.

One component that gained added attention at this year's leadership conference was the extensive list of community leaders that were hosts at each lunch table. The students shared their goals and aspirations with the likes of: Lieutenant Governor, John Bollinger; First Lady, Nancy Schweitzer; Supreme Court Justice, Karla Gray; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Linda McCulloch; Lewis & Clark County Sheriff, Cheryl Leidle; Coach VanDiest of the Carroll College Fighting Saints and Mayor Jim Smith; to mention a few.

Each guest shared their thoughts on leadership, careers and goals with the students, incorporating ideas of success and what it takes to become a leader in today's society.

The students and Job Specialists commented that this was a great way to meet "leaders of today" and share visions of future accomplishments and aspirations. Many leaders were astonished by the knowledge and commitment that JMG students have toward the organization and class.



Far Right - Guest speaker, Rhett Laubach with conference coordinator, Cathy Yetter.

Randi Hirsch holds the plaque that the Billings Career Center received for their winning Logo entry at this year's Fall Leadership Conference.



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The Logo Event winner at this year's conference was designed by the Billings Career Center. The winning design will be used on JMG documents, folders, name badges and T-shirts for the annual Career Development Conference that will be held in May.

Bridger Career Fair Well Attended

-Vicki Kaufmann, JMG Job Specialist



Bridger High School students at their annual Career Fair in Billings.

The ninth annual Bridger Jobs for Montana's Graduates Career Fair was a great success with over 100 presenters and 1000 students participating.

The fair was held at the Shrine Auditorium on November 29th from 9:00-12:00 noon. Students from 21 schools were able to explore careers, training and educational opportunities all in one stop. A large variety of presenters from many career areas shared expectations of employers with the students.

WalMart sponsored the Workplace Clothing style show, showing students appropriate workplace dress and the Academy of Nails, Skin and Hair, Inc., shared workplace make-up demonstrations with students attending the fair.

The Bridger JMG students received many compliments on their organizational skills and profes-

sionalism by the presenters and counselors. This career fair is the largest of its type in the state of Montana.

The JMG members would like to thank the following sponsors: South Central Tech Prep., Diversified Transfer and Storage, WalMart, Yellowstone Bank, Valley Foods, ClearChannel Broadcasting and the Academy of Nails, Skin and Hair, Inc. If you would like to participate or help sponsor next year's career fair, please contact Bridger JMG at 406-662-3533, ext. 207.

National Student Leadership Conference

As part of the Fall Leadership Conference, JMG students were asked to write a letter or an essay describing their thoughts on leadership, what it meant to them and why they should be chosen to attend the National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC).

Those essays were judged and the four candidates chosen to represent Montana received an all-expense paid trip to the NSLC which is held each December in Washington D.C.

The students attending this year's event were: Finale Ayers, Project for Alternative Learning; Sheree Chalmers, Glasgow High School; Brenda Jares, Bridger High School; and Meggie McDonald, Plains High School. Also accompanying the students on the trip to D.C. were: Marie Rauch, Job Specialist of the Project for Alternative Learning, Helena; Jill Page, Job Specialist from Glasgow High School; as well as Cathy Yetter and Drea Brown from Central Office.

The girls spent four days attending leadership sessions, participating in competitive events and sight-seeing in and around our nation's capital.



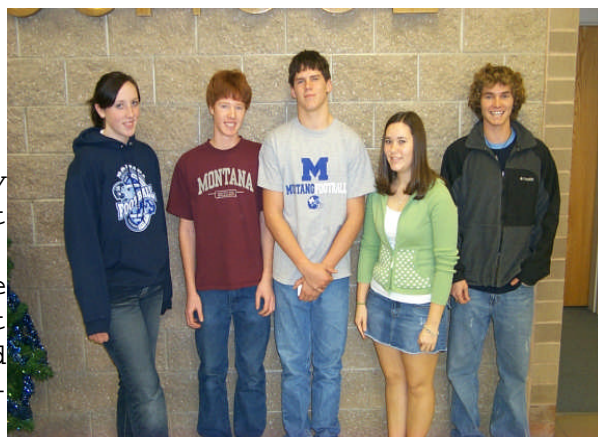
Malta JMG Service Learning Project

-Darlene Kolczak, Job Specialist

The Malta Chapter of JMG is helping the local retirement home by making napkins with magnets so the residents can enjoy their meals without having to worry about spilling on their clothes.

They are busy working on making the pockets on the aprons so that the magnets can fit in the napkin. The director of the Hi-Line Retirement Center likes to keep the school involved in the local retirement home and felt that this would be a good community service project. Our local chapter of JMG agreed and the project was started.

The students are working on getting 100 aprons done by December 20th and will go to the center to deliver them and sing Christmas Carols for the residents.



Malta students who worked on the Service Learning Project are from left to right: Bailey Scones, Seth Young, Marshall Harms, Lacy MacKay and Cale Chase.



Montana Youth Challenge once again presented the colors for the conference. We would like to thank them for their services.



Special Olympics Basketball Tournament

The Helena High School JMG class participated in the 2006 Special Olympics Basketball Tournament that was held in gymnasiums throughout Helena on November 3rd and 4th. Over 500 athletes, coaches and volunteers donated their services for the event. JMG students assisted in scorekeeping, refereeing, running the time clock, as well as team liaisons who cheered on the athletes. The tournament was the largest ever and Mrs. Parker, Helena High's Job Specialist, commented that it was a very rewarding experience for all!



Those Helena High JMG students that assisted at the Special Olympics basketball tournament were as follows: (front) Kynslee Scott and Cassie Kane; (back row) Kelsey Enyeart, Ellie Pearson, Chantelle Gourney, Cami Boughn, Derek Herrin, Luke Stubblefield, Candace Kerr and Blake Hance.



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Geyser students shown here with their Job Specialist, John Schmidt, at the Fall Leadership Conference in Helena.



Dutton/Brady students, Andrew Bishop, Travis Hodgson and Gary Story exhibit their skills with the "egg game"; a manual dexterity game that teaches teamwork and leadership!

These Powell County High School JMG students attended the Fall Leadership Conference with their Job Specialist, Jacquie Ainsworth.



Camera Corner

We would like to extend a BIG thank you to all of the Students, Job Specialists and Special Guests for making our Fall Leadership Conference such a fantastic success! Thank you to all of the special guests that took time away from your busy schedules to sit with the students during the luncheon and share your stories with the students. Your time, commitment and care is noteworthy and we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

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Happy Holidays!



Garfield County High School, Jordan, and their Job Specialist Rose Edwards at the Red Lion Colonial Inn in Helena.

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